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NWS MISSION AND ORGANIZATION

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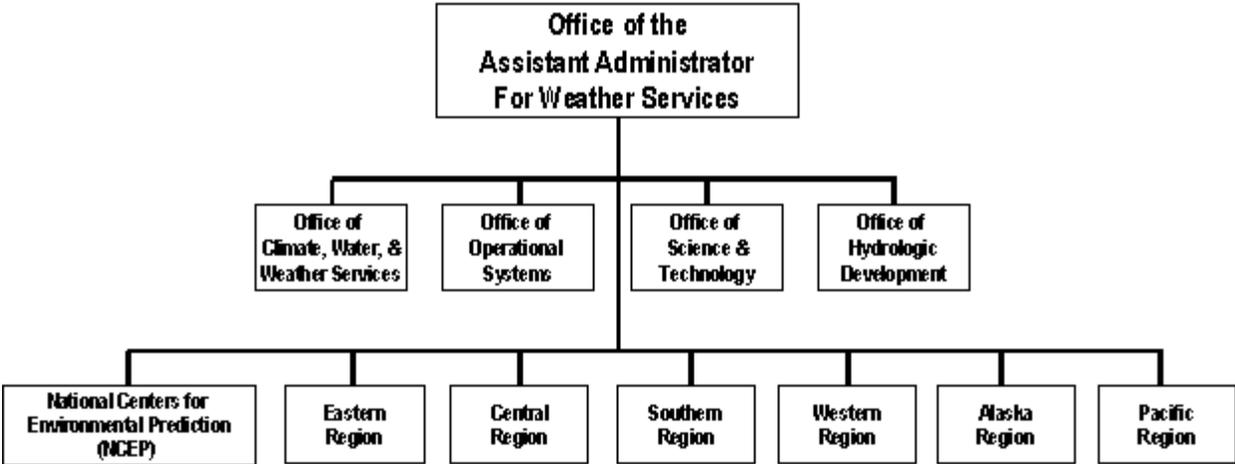
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SUMMARY OF REVISIONS: This directive supersedes NWSPD 90-2, *NWS Mission and Organization*, dated June 15, 2004. NOAA's NWS Space Environment Center was added to section 4.2, and the effective date for DOO 25-5 in the Supporting Information was updated.

1. To protect life and property and to enhance the economic well being of the Nation, the National Weather Service (NWS) is recognized as the U.S. Federal agency responsible for weather and water forecasts and warnings.
2. The purpose of this policy is to define the mission and organizational structure of the NWS.
3. The mission of the NWS is to provide weather, hydrologic, and climate forecasts and warnings for the United States, its territories, adjacent waters and ocean areas, for the protection of life and property and the enhancement of the national economy. NWS data and products form a national information data base and infrastructure which can be used by other governmental agencies, the private sector, the public and the global community.
4. The NWS is a Federal organization under the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). NOAA is an agency of the Department of Commerce. The organizational structure of the NWS supports the organization's mission. (See Attachment 1, NWS Organizational Chart.)
 - 4.1 NWS Silver Spring, Maryland, Headquarters is comprised of the Office of the Assistant Administrator for Weather Services and four program offices. The four program offices are the Office of Climate, Water, and Weather Services; the Office of Operational Systems; the Office of Science and Technology; and the Office of Hydrologic Development.

Attachment 1

NWS Organizational Chart



Note: Organization Chart depicts the components of NWS.

Attachment 2

GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Legal Authorities:

Duties of Secretary of Commerce/Weather Service Organic Act, 15 U.S.C. §313 et. seq.
Meteorological Services to Aviation, 49 U.S.C. 44720
Cooperative Agreements/Reimbursement to Further NOAA's Mission, 15 U.S.C. §1540
Weather Service Modernization Act of 1992, P.L. 102-567
NWS Modernization, 15 CFR Part 946

Supporting Information:

NWSPD 1-2, *Delegation of Authority*
NAO 202-351, NOAA Competitive Areas for Reduction-in-Force Effective March 19, 1990; as Amended: February 24, 2000.
Department Organization Order 25-5, Section 8, effective June 15, 2005.
NOAA Circular 00-13, dated September 25, 2000, NOAA Organization Handbook

Procedural Directive:

NWSI 90-201, *Procedures for Organizational Change*